Medical School Admissions

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Objectives

- Preparation for Medical School
- Application Process
- Duke Med Curriculum

Definitions

- Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
- American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)
- Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR) - subscription

Pandemic

- Adjustments to the application process have been made to accommodate restricted access
- Committee is flexible with COVID-related application aspects
 - Online course accepted
 - Grading decisions (P/F, S/U, letter) will not negatively impact application
 - MCAT not required at time of application but is required for matriculation
- Interviews held virtually

Four Pillars of Medical Ethics

- Beneficence
- Non-maleficence
- Respect patient autonomy
- Justice

Qualities in a Physician

- Compassion
- Empathy
- Humanism
- Integrity
- Resilience
- Grit
- Optimism
- Understanding
- Passionate
- Thinks critically
- Gracious
- Dedicated

What are we looking for -

- Future leaders in medicine
- Commitment to caring for others
- Humanism
- Diverse and well rounded
- Venture outside of their comfort zone
- Able to tolerate ambiguity
- Strive to do their best for the people they care for
- For MD/PhD applicants all of the above plus an interest in scientific discovery to advance the field of medicine.

Application

- Narrative flow
- Movement of ideas and concepts to another idea or concept

Application

- AMCAS Application
- Secondary Application (school specific)
- Interview
- Revisit

AMCAS Key Components

- Personal statement
- Clinical experiences
- Community service/Volunteer work
- Employment
- Leadership
- Research
- Extracurricular/Hobbies
- Academics (GPA, MCAT, upper division courses)
- Letters of Recommendation

Personal Statement

- Personal
- Look for a story
- Value of a connection
- Distance traveled/unique contributions/enhances diversity
- Not a CV reiteration

Clinical Experiences

Patient contact hours - active versus passive

- EMS
- Scribe
- Hospice
- Crisis center hotline
- Hospital or clinic (CNA, medical assistant)
- Shadowing (in person or virtual)

Community Service, Employment, and Leadership

- Commitment to aiding the underserved and those in need - learning and reflecting on these experiences and how they have influenced you and helped with your decision to choose medicine
- Customer service
- Able to lead groups of people effectively
- Ability to work with others
- Knowing when to lead and when to let others take the lead
- Teamwork

Research

- Understanding of the hypothesis driven thought process
- Short experiences or longevity in a lab
- For MD/PhD applicants, sustained research over time, typically two+ years of research

Academics

- Challenging classes in their respective discipline
- Taking coursework outside of major/minor that is of interest and advances other areas

Extracurricular and Hobbies

- Supports the rest of your application
- Contributes to wellness

Letters of Recommendation

Significant component of the application evaluation process

- Offers a potential in-depth longitudinal assessment of an applicant's abilities
- Choose your authors carefully
- Get to know your Advising Office!

School Specific Key Components

- Essays
- Interview
- Distance traveled/unique contributions/enhances diversity

Essay Questions

- Tell us who you are
- Advocacy
- Coping with disappointment
- Humbling experience
- Leadership and teamwork
- Critical thinking
- Access to health care
- COVID-19

Interviews

- Traditional one on one
- Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

Interviews

- Virtual Multiple Mini Interview (vMMI) hosted on Zoom via Breakout Room functionality
- 10 stations 5 moral or ethical situations, 2 traditional stations, 2 team stations - one time to give and one time to receive instructions and 1 video station.

Application Evaluation

Holistic Review

- Screening
- Interview
- Selection

Holistic Review

- Broad based selection criteria founded on school mission
- Experiences, attributes, academics
- Contribution that each applicant can make to the individual school
- Student diversity, personal qualities, demographics

2021 Entering Class

2021	Total Offers	Matriculated	Deferral to 2021
MD	217	108	3
PCLT	16	6	0
MSTP	25	9	0
Totals	258	123	3

Duke Med Application Numbers

	AMCAS Application Submitted	Secondary Application Completed	Interviewed	Matriculated
2022 (as of 10/13/21)	8589	4710		
2021	9071 (633 MSTP)	5484 (443 MSTP)	672 (64 MSTP)	123 (9 MSTP)
2020	7622	4365	674	121
2019	6951	3862	704	121
2018	8141	4676	777	129
2017	7030	3724	752	116

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	Total	Complete	Interview	Accept	Matriculate
2022	37	18	2		
2021	30	20	12	6	3
2020	33	23	7	2	1
2019	19	15	8	3	1

Application through Medical School

- Belief
- Trust
- Responsibility

Why Duke?

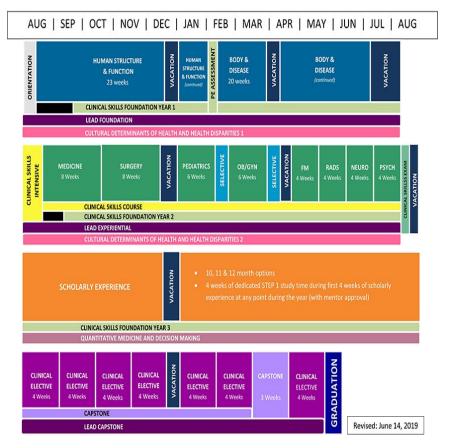
- Curriculum
- Community
- Collaboration
- People
- Durham

Medical Education

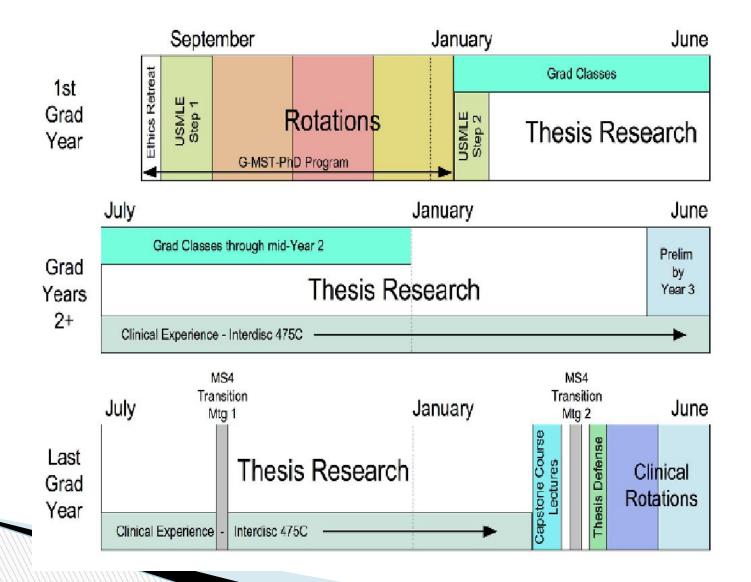
- The patient is the priority
- Integration of clinical medicine and the basic sciences
- Efficiency in learning



Foundation for Excellence Curriculum



Duke MSTP Graduate Curriculum



Curriculum

- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Leadership and teamwork (LEAD)
- Synergy of clinical medicine and research
- All of these improve the human condition, promote and advance the practice of medicine and optimize patient outcomes

- Learn and solve problems as a team
- Utilize the experiences and attributes of your colleagues
- Innovation and advancement
- Team efficiency and cohesion are critical to optimizing patient care

Curriculum Components

- Productive and constructive collaboration
- Integration of the non-science disciplines into medicine
- Open to learning from others, embracing other viewpoints, willingness to extend outside of one's comfort zone
- Emotional intelligence

Medical Education

- Curriculum modification to reflect changes in learning
- Dynamic state of medical information
- Constant state of evolution
- Adapt to the way learners acquire and process information

Medical Education

- Common sense
- Sixth sense
- Critical and creative thinking
- Apply knowledge, use evidence

- Emotional intelligence adapt to change, be aware of one's value system
- Integrity professional ethical values
- Teamwork optimize team dynamics by understanding team members, create a climate for innovation and encourage improvement
- Critical thinking apply knowledge and evidence

Duke's Commitment to Action & Inclusion

- Duke is committed today and throughout the future to addressing systemic racism on campus and setting an example for the community
- Student support & equality within Med School & wider community
- Pledge to advocate for all Med students & represent interests fairly
- Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)
- Cultural & Minority Student Groups
 - Student National Medical Association
 - Duke Med Interfaith
 - Asian-Pacific American Medical Student Association
 - Duke Med Pride
 - Latino Medical Student Association
 - Many more...
- Many on campus resources: https://medschool.duke.edu/education/degree-programs-and-admissions/davison-council/diversity-inclusion
- Anti-Racism at Duke: https://anti-racism.duke.edu/

Community Service

- Duke in Durham Day twice a year
- Chancellor's Service Fellowship
 - One year, interdisciplinary, mentored fellowship program focused on health-related community service to underserved populations and leadership development
- Service Committee monthly service events
- Free Clinics: Holton Free Clinic & Fremont Rural Health Clinic
- DukeMed Elementary
- Root Causes

Wellness

- Integral part of life as a Duke Med student
- We recognize wellness in all forms: physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, intellectual, social, financial
- Various resources in all shapes and sizes to encourage/facilitate wellness
- https://medschool.duke.edu/education /student-services/medical-student-well ness

Questions?